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THE CHAPEL



RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

CATHOLIC MASS

CHAPEL Sunday 8:00 A.M.

RECREATION ROOM—

Old Hospital Sunday 10:15 A.M.

DAILY MASS Chapel 7:30 A.M.

Confessions before each Mass

PROTESTANT SERVICES

BIBLE CLASS—Chapel Sunday 9:30 A.M.

CHAPEL Sunday 10:00 A.M.

CHAPEL Sunday 7:30 P.M.

RECREATION ROOM—

Old Hospital Sunday 9:00 A.M.

RECREATION ROOM—

Old Hospital Sunday 5:30 P.M.

CHAPEL Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

RECREATION ROOM—

Old Hospital Wednesday 5:30 P.M.

Religious services are also held every Sunday morning at the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians' School, in the Assembly Hall, 11:00 A.M.

"ONE MINUTE SERMON"

Jesus said, "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man will hear by voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 4:20.

This statement is written to the angel of the Church at Laodicia and it presents to them the opportunity to have Christ in the individual heart and in the group. You will note the appeal Christ makes. He knocks at the door and in this manner offers opportunity. He is willing to come in and have fellowship with them. His heart yearns for them to invite him in their midst. Even though He is willing to come, they must be receptive. Opportunity presented does not mean opportunity accepted. If this appeal was accepted by these people we have no record of that fact but we do know that ages ago, the church to whom Christ made this appeal, ceased to exist.

The same appeal that Christ made ages ago is given to the people of our own day and generation. He stands outside the heart patiently knocking because He has not been invited to come in. He gently knocks, giving an opportunity to everyone. In this manner He is asking for the privilege of fellowship with all mankind. One does not need to be a great sinner to lose this opportunity but indifference to the appeal is apt to end in adverse results. Unless one is careful, it is easier to reject Him than it may look on the surface.

The work of a Chaplain of this hospital is to encourage all connected with this institution to heed this appealing knock of our Savior. Any way that either of the chaplains can be of assistance, we stand ready. We do cordially invite you to the religious activities of this hospital.

—Ollie G. Matthews,
Brooke's Chaplain.

"Let us not lose sight of the fact that Victory in war requires more than equipment, more than explosives—more than trained and willing men."

HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR.
Secretary of Treasury.

NOT YET WON!

THIS WAR IS NOT YET WON. True, we have taken Tarawa and the Marshalls, North Africa, Sicily and Southern Italy. True, even now our forces are pounding at the fortress of Europe.

But—

THIS WAR IS NOT YET WON . . . only for the dead it is over . . . and they, thank God, are yet comparatively few. But what of the living? What of the many wounded—the men whose hopes, whose dreams, whose futures depend on what we do to sustain them now?

THIS WAR IS NOT YET WON. We at home have only begun to feel the weight of our debt to our fighting men . . . to the living—to the wounded—yes, above all, to the dead. Ours is the responsibility to work, to save, to buy all the War Bonds we can, to smooth the road they must travel that the journey may be made swiftly and the end reached soon.

THIS WAR IS NOT YET WON. Invasion comes high—and the cost in blood will be heavy indeed. Never before have coasts been so fortified as those in the invasion areas, with defenses miles deep, roads mined, pillboxes everywhere.

NO, OUR WAR HAS JUST STARTED—and the sooner we accept all our responsibilities, the sooner it will be won. Out on some bloody battlefield, a boy you know may live to fight on to final Victory if you do your part here at home.

Your part, in addition to whatever else you are doing, is lending your money to help pay the tremendous costs of war.

LENDING—NOT GIVING!

That certainly shouldn't be looked on as a hardship. Hundreds of thousands of our fighting men are really enduring hardships, living under the worst possible conditions—and buying War Bonds besides.

What about those of us at home, living in comparative comfort and security, many of us earning more than we ever earned before? We should consider lending money to the Government a privilege as well as an obligation. And then we should keep lending—every cent we can possibly spare—until the war is over and won.



AND REMEMBER

Here are five more reasons for buying extra War Bonds in the Fifth War Loan:

1. War Bonds are the best, the safest investment in the world!
2. War Bonds (series E) return you \$4 for every \$3 in 10 years.
3. War Bonds help keep prices down.
4. War Bonds will help win the peace by increasing purchasing power after the war.
5. War Bonds mean education for your children, security for you, funds for retirement.

Mrs. Beatrice Bruck
in Major Cyrus S. Meyer's Office
Issues War Savings Bonds
at any time.
Buy an extra Bond today!

"A War Expert Views the News"

By Colonel H. L. Landers, U. S. Army, Retired

Military Commentator on Texas Quality Network

from Station WOAI San Antonio, Texas

Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

"THE INVASION"

JUNE 6, 1944, will forever mark the date of the most important Allied phase or adventure of this World War II—the establishment of beachheads on the Continent of Europe across the English Channel. What gave to the enterprise the glamor attached to it in contemplation during the past two years, was the fear it might fail, and with that failure bring about the acceptance of a negotiated peace by the United States and Great Britain. Despite the fact that the invasion history of last Tuesday is written in glowing terms of success, far outstripping anything contemplated, and the further fact that in our pride for what was accomplished we will soon forget that fear and doubt ever existed, nevertheless we did endure days of forebodings. By "we" I mean a measurable part of our population, but far less than one-half of it. I have heard many say they believed that the preparations for the invasion were developing too slowly, because of a lurking hope that the Allied airforces would bring about Germany's surrender. Others have blandly asserted, with what they hoped was a significant smirk, that there would be no invasion until after the election. But, thank God! the mass of our people has faced the issue squarely—they have believed that the invasion would come as soon as General Eisenhower and his staff were ready, and that under no pretext were the two English-speaking countries angling for delay.

Probably never again for generations will warfare be so dependent upon the success or failure of an overseas operation. The only practical way for the United States and Great Britain to strike effective blows at the enemy is across the channel from huge bases established in the British Isles. Initial operations through the Mediterranean on a major scale would have been costly in time, preparations and jangled nerves, to say nothing of the tremendous maritime tonnage loss from not establishing direct intercourse with the west coast of France.

With the daily disclosure of additional details regarding the landings, our appreciation increases of the perfectness of plans and of their masterful execution. Water approaches to beaches studded with mines; wire and barriers under the water's edge; machine gun nests and ground mines that

would decimate landing parties; heavy shore batteries that would sink our merchantmen and small craft—these defensive blocks to a successful landing were brought to our attention by the German propaganda system over a period of months. They failed completely to either scare our forces or to stop them, and the conclusion is warranted that the Nazis' highly publicized west wall was more than 50 per cent imagination.

No great number of divisions ever before sent into their initial battles, were trained so perfectly as are those under Eisenhower's command. He used the veteran U. S. 1st Infantry Division and the British 50th Northumbrian Division to spearhead the landings on the beaches. He had battle-wise airborne troops, highly skilled in commando tactics, to land in back areas. There were veteran armored divisions and other ground forces to back up the spearheads, and success during the three days that have elapsed since D-Day is phenomenal.

It is generally and properly realized that some tough experiences may lie ahead, but don't overlook the fact that the Germans also will be on the receiving end. General Eisenhower's staff knew where every German division in France and the Low Countries was located, and estimated the number that the enemy was likely to assemble to oppose the landing in Normandy. Probably by this time 20 Allied divisions have landed, a force amply large to win victories over anything Rommel will throw against it. The warning given by the Allied high command to peoples from France to Norway not to fish in their coastal waters for one week, lest it "hinder the operations of the Allied forces," certainly causes the German high command much distress. Eisenhower knows where else he will invade, but the German defenders have to keep most of their divisions widely dispersed, while awaiting further blows.

In time, probably in July, I believe Eisenhower will have 50 divisions east and south of the channel, with the number of those in reserve in Great Britain being increased by new arrivals from the United States. Germany will be crushed between the powerdrives of these divisions in the west, Russia's renewed massive operations, and Alexander's accelerated activities in the south. A British Near East army can be expected to strike through Greece, and Marshal Ti-

to's efforts in Yugoslavia will be more productive. Can you imagine Germany's wall of defense, which will then be close to the frontiers of the Reich, not cracking? With one penetrating crack the whole enemy defense structure will be so weakened that continued Allied three-sided pressure will cause a complete collapse. I expect to see Germany's military power broken and surrendered some time this fall.

ROME-ITALY

There is something quite pathetic in the unheroic manner in which the ancient city of Rome, where emperors and kings have ruled for over 2,000 years, fell into the hands of Gen. Mark Clark's Allied Fifth Army on Sunday night, June 4. The Fifth Army fought its way into the heart of Rome after a four-hour battle against German armor in the suburbs of the ancient city. Then Allied tanks, artillery and infantry from the old Anzio beachhead completed the mop-up of Nazi forces at 9:15 p. m. by knocking out an enemy scout car. There was nothing heroic in the adventure for the "fall of the city" was not involved. Rome, a huge mass of stone and mortar, was not defended as a bastion in a line of resistance. In a military sense the Eternal City served no purpose other than to mark innumerable rail and highway junctions or centers, which the defeated Fourteenth Army could not avoid using in its precipitate flight northward. No longer had the German Field Marshal Kesselring any actual defense line, or any defense line north of Rome that was being prepared, or any idea where he might make a stand with his shattered Tenth and Fourteenth Armies.

The loss of Rome was the midway point in a series of disasters that befell the German forces, beginning 24 days before with the opening of General Alexander's offensive against Cassino and the Gustav line. Twelve days later the Allied Fifth Army broke the beachhead bonds and aimed a power-drive at the capital. Now the enemy's forces west of the Appennines are in hot and disordered retreat. I have just plotted the places occupied by the two Allied armies yesterday and today. They include Civitavecchia on the Tyrrhenian Sea, 40 miles northwest of Rome, Bracciano on a lake by the same name, Civita Castellana, 32 miles north of Rome, Monterotondo and Vallepietra, 40 miles due east of Rome in the Sabine Mountains.

What Kesselring's remnants of the Tenth and Fourteenth Armies face is not quite a military debacle, but the disasters already suffered by them presage such a fate. I have been accentuating for several weeks in my broadcasts the condition of the enemy in Italy as one of hopelessness, wherein

its commander is forced to withdraw from the Peninsula entirely, and save such small forces as may be possible. Just as Rome marked the mid-point of the chain of disasters, so the next will occur in the fall of Florence, the first city between Rome and the Po Valley where a temporary defense can be set up. If the German high command had a single army corps of two to four divisions that could be diverted into Italy, the final catastrophe would be delayed merely, but not diverted. I am unable to understand the viewpoint of those who publicly avow that the German people retain confidence in Hitler, and believe the army can protect the Reich by keeping the Allies back of the east and west walls of defense; or of those who aver Russia has scarcely touched Germany's military might, and that the Red Army will smash itself against the steel and concrete defenses along the Bug and Vistula Rivers. Such ideas are certainly ill-founded and impossible to justify in view of the events of the past year and a half.

It is quite probable General Alexander will expedite his advance into northern Italy by another leap-frog landing on the west coast. Such a bit of strategy will be easy to effect, as all offensive power on the part of the Germans has been lost. From the island of Corsica to the port of Genoa on the north, or to Leghorn to the east is but a short distance to move some of the divisions held in reserve in the Mediterranean and African areas. Such a move would hasten Alexander's approach to his ultimate goal, which is to drive the enemy out of Italy beyond the Austrian frontier, and then to sideslip into France where his armies can be used effectively with those of General Eisenhower in defeating the Germans on their western front.

INDIA-BURMA-CHINA

In my broadcasts I have described frequently the military operations in India, Burma and China, and explained how all are interrelated. I have stated my opinion that what are seemingly small operations, which some think are getting nowhere, are of such importance as to definitely influence the time of defeat of Japan's armed forces. It is generally conceded that when Japan's army in China is defeated the war in the Pacific will end.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek has several million competent soldiers with which to fight the Japanese successfully, if as few as three hundred thousand of them were well equipped. General Chennault's Allied airforces are preparing huge air-dromes in southeast China from which to fly super-bombers to Formosa, Luzon and

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the islands of Japan, when the supply of oil, gas and bombs is sufficient. Supplies and munitions now going into China are carried by air transport from Assam, Province of India. The offensives recently begun by the Japanese in Honan and Hunan Provinces place demands upon the Chinese and Chennault to use this small trickle of munitions in trying to block the enemy's present moves.

It is only by opening the Burma Road that the supply situation will be alleviated. Nearly a year ago General Stilwell began to construct a road from Ledo, in Assam Province, to bypass the Japanese in northern Burma and connect up with the Burma Road. When Stilwell began to threaten the Japanese principal base of Myitkyina in northern Burma, the Japanese retaliated by moving against Imphal and Kohima in eastern India. If they could take one or both of these places and then continue west another 50 miles, they would sever the rail line to Ledo and deprive Stilwell's forces of supplies, with the result that the matter of reopening the Burma Road would be delayed indefinitely. Several weeks ago some twenty to thirty thousand Chinese troops crossed the Salween River in a drive westward to effect a junction with Stilwell's forces around Myitkyina. About 70 miles now separate the two commands..

There you have an outline of the most diversified land strategy of the war. You can't possibly understand it unless you accumulate some of the small maps published in the newspapers. Several are needed as no one contains all the places necessary to know about. I wish some one in or on duty at the Brooke General Hospital would compile for me a sketch map of places between the Salween River and the Indian frontier mentioned in dispatches. I would publish it as part of one of my articles.

DECORATIONS AT BROOKE

The following Decorations were recently made to patients of Brooke General Hospital. Each was personally presented by Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, Commanding General of Brooke.

PURPLE HEART

For wounds received in action against the enemy. Also awarded posthumously. The ribbon is royal purple, edged with narrow white. Awarded to the following:



Pvt. THEODORE B. LONGORIA of Beeville, Texas. Wounded 4 February 1944 near San Pietro, Italy, by shell fragment. Presented Purple Heart 30 May 1944.

Sgt. JOHN F. BOONE, of Ada, Okla. Wounded 30 January 1944 by a sniper rifle bullet, at Anzio Beachhead. Presented Purple Heart 30 May 1944.

Pvt. CHARLES P. THOMAS of Minneka, Okla. Wounded 1 November 1943 when a 500-pound enemy bomb exploded at Salerno, Italy. Presented Purple Heart 3 June 1944.

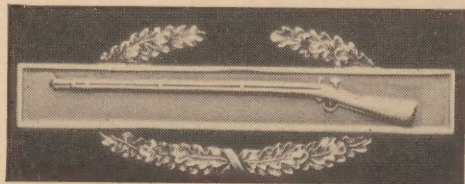
Pvt. WINK F. WALLACE of Sidney, Texas. Wounded 13 March 1943 when a machine gun exploded near Tunisia. Presented Purple Heart 3 June 1944.

STAFF SERGEANT JOSEPH P. LIVINGSTON, of Fort Worth, Texas, wounded near Salerno, Italy, on 9 September, 1943. Presented Purple Heart, 8 June 1944.

AIR MEDAL

For meritorious achievement in an aerial flight in the national emergency since 8 September 1939. The ribbon is royal purple banded on the sides with gold and with a narrow edge of purple on the edges. Awarded to:

First Lieutenant JOHN E. PRICE, Air Corps, U. S. Army, received an Oak Leaf Cluster in addition to the Air Medal (ribbon) on 8 May 1944, "For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on combat operational missions." Lt. Price is from Houston, Texas.



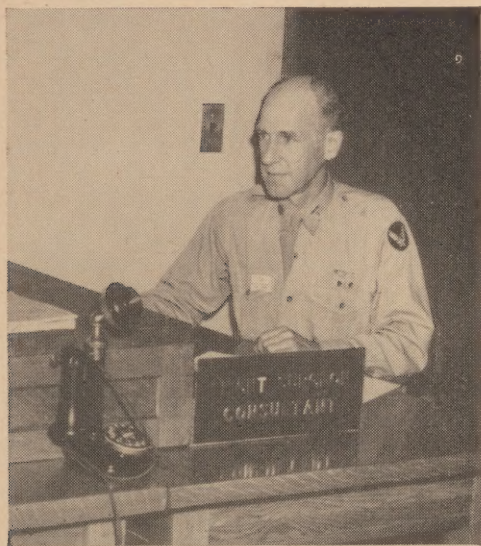
COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE

Infantrymen, including officers, establish eligibility to wear the Combat Infantryman Badge by (a) Exemplary conduct in action against the enemy or (b) By satisfactory performance of duty in action against the enemy in a major operation as determined and announced by the theater commander.

Awarded to:

Pvt. STANLEY J. MARTIN of Glenrose, Texas. Awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge by satisfactory performance of duty in active combat against the enemy in the Sicilian and Italian Campaigns. Presentation made 30 May 1944.

Flight Surgeon Consultant Service Important at General Hospitals



Major Harold F. Pierce, Flight Surgeon Consultant at Brooke General Hospital.

The Flight Surgeon Consultant Service at Brooke General Hospital was established by AAF directive under authority of the War Department on 1 November 1943.

This service has proven highly beneficial and in a large part its success has been due to the willingness and cooperative effort of its Flight Surgeon Consultant, Major Harold F. Pierce, and his assistant Major George W. Washburn, AAF personnel officer.

The duties of the Flight Surgeon Consultant and his assistant are many, but their primary duties are to salvage and

retain to the Army Air Forces, insofar as possible, the services of AAF personnel hospitalized in General Hospitals. They must strengthen the morale of AAF patients, safeguard their interests and promote their welfare. They must acquaint AAF patients with the Convalescent and Rehabilitation program of the Army Air Forces, explaining its benefits and "selling" it to each patient individually. They must recommend disposition of AAF patients and maintain complete and up-to-the-minute records on all AAF patients as a ready source of information regarding personnel in the hospital.

Careful consideration is always given by the personnel of the Flight Surgeon Consultant's office to a number of basic rules. The General Hospital is regarded as the final authority on diagnosis, treatment and medical recommendations as to the disposition and the type of duty a patient is able to perform. The Hospital's diagnosis and recommendations are the facts upon which are based recommendations for disposition of the patient according to War



Center, Major George W. Washburn, Personnel Officer and Assistant to Flight Surgeon Consultant, confers with Private John R. Crossley, AAF, of Flint, Michigan, and Corporal John P. Draga, AAF, of Rochester, New York, who also aid effectively in this work.

Department and Army Air Forces directives. The specialized knowledge of the AAF Consultants are freely available to the General Hospital and the AAF Officers are ready for consultation at any time.

That's a pretty big order for Flight Surgeon Consultants to execute but Major Pierce and Major Washburn have done a real job while at Brooke. Their experience is broad and their friendliness is appealing

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**Mrs.
Shirley
McAllister,
of Dearborn,
Michigan,
Secretary
to
the
Flight
Surgeon
Consultant**

BGH PHYSICAL THERAPY BRIEFS



CAPTAIN KURANER ATTENDS CONVENTION

Capt. Elsie Kuraner attended the Annual Convention of the American Physiotherapy Association in New York, May 17-21. Two days of the meeting were devoted to the timely discussion of reconditioning and rehabilitation of the injured, both war and civilian.

One of the most interesting features was the attendance of Miss Mary McMillan, the first president of the American Physiotherapy Association. Miss McMillan may well be considered the pioneer of Physical Therapy in the United States. Coming from England during World War I, she taught the first classes in this field at Reed College in Oregon. The first Army P.T.'s recruited from women graduates in Physical Education, were trained there. From this small group of enthusiastic women, the profession developed into its present status as a valuable adjunct to medicine and surgery.

In 1941 Miss McMillan was in China, relieving a Chinese Physical Therapist for further study. Arriving in Manila just prior to our entrance into the war, she volunteered at Sternberg General Hospital where she helped in the care of the wounded and ill during these desperate days. After the fall of Manila she was interned. During her internment she carried on her P.T. work with the meager means available, a tub of hot water, her hands, and her indomitable spirit. After eight months in Manila, Miss McMillan was transferred to China, in the hold of a ship, where the horses had slightly better accommodations than the humans. From China she was later returned home on the Gripsholm. While relating the hardships of internment, lack of food, sanitation, or minimal comfort,

Miss McMillan's spirit and courage were evident. The profession may well be proud of such a pioneer.

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Lt. Fern Green was conspicuous by her absence during the two weeks she was taking the GI refresher course, better known in these parts as basic training.

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Lt. Eleanor Hayes has been visited by her mother, Mrs. Frances B. Young, of Greenville, Illinois.

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There aren't many more CIVILIAN shopping days left till "Christmas" for Isabelle Armstrong, Margery Short, and Georgiana Windham — Santa is bringing them BARS July 1.

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News from Miss Dorothy Jarvis assures friends that she is having a wonderful time on her leave in her home state, WASHINGTON, "The Land of Big Red Apples," "The Home of the Field and Seed Peas," etc. On her return, she will hold open house to spend all the money paid to her by the Washington Chamber of Commerce.

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NOTE: The girls in pale blue from the P.T. department are not nurses taking their basic training. We don't rate salutes but we can hand 'em out. We're WACs!

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The WACs at 840 Chaffee are waiting for watermelons to sprout in their back yard as a result of the big watermelon feed that took place there last week.

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SPLASH! Ruthie Haynes is taking swimming lessons!

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The Wobbly Walking Wonders Club announces the initiation of new entrees the latter part of the week. Applications for membership will be made directly to one of the charter members, who are: S/Sgt. Walter M. Collins, T/4 Howard Buxton, 1st Sgt. Glen Smith, Cpl. Jimmy Haning, and Pfc. Virgil Lichtenberg. More power to you, club members! Such grit and determination are being rewarded.

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The 36th Division is having a rendezvous in the P.T. Clinic these days—Major Milton Landry, Lt. Coy Bass, Sgt. Claude Sherry, and Sgt. Mose Harjo are among those who come in and fight the Italian Campaign all over again.

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Pillows account for the wild look in the eyes of T/4 Bernie C. Case these days. He is often overheard remarking "it feels like hair but the paper says it's feathers."



NEWS from the Army Nurse Corps



By 1st Lt. Bertha M. Connolly, A. N. C.

Congratulations to Lt. Mahoney, who has recently been promoted to first lieutenant! That Penicillin job sure deserves a little rank to keep it under control.

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We regret the loss of four ANC's to the 5th Surgical Group. The girls actually belonged to that organization since their arrival at B. G. H. some time ago, however they have done such a fine piece of work here that they seem a part of our staff. They are Capt. Smith, Lts. Hensley, Brochtrup and Hawervas. Capt. Smith, who is the Chief Nurse of the group, just added that second silver bar to her collar. Congratulations, Martha, and the best of luck to you and all the Nurses of your unit.

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Lt. Leona Holmes won that little (really was) "pot" of money on the invasion. She insisted that she had inside "dope" as to the day the invasion was going to start. There are those who wonder if some drastic measures should be taken. On second thought, who would take care of Bill?

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Lt. Edna Fenton, who was stationed at B. G. H. until May, writes back to her friends here that she didn't know such a beautiful spot existed in the Army, as the Pasadena Area Station Hospital, Pasadena, Calif. where she is now assigned. After reading her vivid description of the beauty and the many conveniences of the place, it seems possible that Edna might have gotten lost and wound up in one of Walt Disney's fairyland scenes out there!

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Capt. Judd has also given us some idea of her new set-up at Camp Barkley, Texas. She says, "It's really fine except for the location." (And what she says about the location. Settle back, all ye B. G. H. ANC's, and drink your fill of your present environment). However, she goes on to say, "The people are grand and the work very interesting." If the people you work with are all right, Judy, you'll have less time to worry about those little (?) dust storms.

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Have you visited the new Pediatric Set-up we now have at Annex III? It is most interesting and Lts. Conlen and Rousell will be glad (?) to give you no end of helpful information concerning Child Care—and such. Down in the Pediatric Clinic you will

find Lt. Hansen assisting Maj. Snow and making herself useful.

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Capt. Abigail Graves and Lt. Elsie Gray have recently reported to our staff. Capt. Graves was stationed at Camp Fannin, Tyler, Texas, before joining our group and is now in charge of the Nursing Staff at the Old Hospital. Lt. Gray was formerly at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and is now on duty in the Chief Nurse's Office in Reid Hall. We sincerely hope the newcomers will like the place and us.

THOSE WONDERFUL THINGS KNOWN AS LEAVES

The ANCs who have been fortunate enough to have leaves coming up this spring, have certainly been making the most of them.

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Capt. Baker and 1st Lt. Caldwell spent a week in Mexico City recently. The reports they brought back were so colorful, that the only thing we are left to wonder about was, who convinced Sedly Gayle and Connie that they really should come home?

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By the "grapevine" I learned that Lts. Hafler, McPherson and Braun also went to Mexico in their cherished days off. Can't really make any statement about their trip because as you know, "the vine" never finishes anything it starts—just keeps one guessing.

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Lt. Ann Thompson went back to her home state of Colorado to visit her family, I'm told. Not the "Bill" part of the family, you understand.

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Lts. Oswald and Abbott set out for the East. Good old Pennsylvania and New York.

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Lts. Schlegtendal and Richman returned from casting their eyes wistfully about Boston. They were checking up on their respective families (or vice-versa) and just getting away from it all. Guess it must have been what the doctor ordered, because both Schlek and Dolly came back and went to work with even more than their usual vim and vigor.

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Then there are those who get a day or
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ANC NEWS

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two off and visit one of the several dude ranches not too far away. Some of the recent "Duders" have been Lt. Col. Harding and Lts. Clark, Manley, Helsel and Kiolbassa. By the way, did you know that Peggy K. can handle the meanest horse at a certain ranch so well that she makes some of these western thrillers look like "The Children's Hour?"

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Ranching sure is a lot of fun and some of the Nurses here are getting so they feel as much at home in a pair of cowboy boots as behind a caduseus and bar.

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And this picnic business. Honestly, it's getting so some people are rarely seen in the Mess Hall. They just seem to head out for the wide open spaces. Oh, yes, the boys always do their duty and help get the picnic under shelter when one of these frequent storms we have been having this spring, breaks.

P. S.—I want a leave or at least a well-equipped picnic!

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And speaking about picnics, don't forget the farewell picnic given for Capt. Florence Judd, who, as we've said before, is now safely settled at Camp Barkeley, Texas. The picnic was held May 29 at Salado and everyone who attended, reported a very good time.

Distinguished guest for the occasion was Maj. Juanita Redmond, ANC, Chief, Personnel Section Nursing Division, Washington, D. C. Miss Redmond, who will be remembered for her book, "I Served on Bataan," was in San Antonio on a familiarization tour of nurse corps personnel attached to the Air Forces. Miss Redmond was to tour the west coast before returning to Washington, D. C.

BASIC TRAINING CLASS NEWS

The recent class was made up for the most part of ANC's, Dietitians and P. T. Aides from outside our own group. They were:

From Bruns General Hospital, Santa Fe, N. M.: Lts. Frish, Hines, Rayne, Tweton, Verberg, Washborn, Weaver and Yates.

From Camp Barkeley, Texas: Capt. Floyd, Lts. Heidel, Leming, Kozoil and Hurley.

From Glennon General Hospital, Okmulgee, Okla.: Lts. Gerlach, Brown, Musich, Cardin and Rawley.

The girls have all since returned to their stations, much wiser (we hope) from their visit here with us.

Capt. Rhodenizer reported here from Carson Station Hospital, Camp Carson, Colo.,

for a week of temporary duty, to observe our Basic Training methods. She is in charge of the Basic Training course at the Seventh Training Command of the Seventh Service Command.

The week beginning 12 June there was a noticeable absence of hut, two, three-ing around the place. We haven't quite decided whether it was an opportunity for Peggy Schmidt to have a week off or just to give the grass a chance to grow in back of Reid Hall. Oh, yes, it seems that Sgt. Lemmons made use of the break, too. Went to Florida, I understand.

Lt. Schmidt wishes to express the appreciation of all the classes of the past, to Lt. Green and Sgts. Webster and Daniels, for satisfying healthy appetites at the Service School Mess, once every two weeks.

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SILHOUETTE

By Carmen Blaisdell

As I look upward toward the sky
I see OUR FLAG waving on high,
A sight so lovely I stand enthralled;
It's an inspiration to one and all.

The courageous red, the pure, clean white,
Then a field of blue, with stars so bright.
In silhouette—against the sky,
A banner of beauty for which we die.

There are the guards, standing so still
Grim sentinels upon the hill.
And like our flag waving so high,
They're silhouetted against the sky.

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"FOX HOLE"

By Pfc. Warren C. Wallace
(Patient in Ward 4)

O little hole so nice and deep
May I within your chamber sleep?
You're the only home I've found
In this shell-torn battleground.

Your walls are lined with rock and roots,
Your muddy floors come over my boots,
But that is where I want to be
When Jerry fires artillery.

There's no comfort to be found
Deep down in the cold, hard ground,
But I'll stay with you to the end,
'Cause you're my one and only friend;
You ward off shells and falling bombs,
And screaming shrapnel that always comes.

It was after a heavy barrage, on a hill somewhere in Italy, that Pfc. Warren C. Wallace of Corpus Christi, Texas, wrote the above poem, while resting after the battle.

We'll be looking for more of your compositions, Warren!




MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ENLISTED TECHNICIANS SCHOOL

By Pvt. Carroll H. Curry



GENERALITIES

One of the outstanding features of our MEETS installation is the Mess Department, of which we are justly proud. In giving recognition for a job well done, due credit should go to Lt. A. J. Green and the competent and cooperative staff of the school mess. First Sgt. Charles Webster works untiringly to see that the "inner man" is well taken care of. Sgt. Webster heard somewhere that an army travels on its stomach, so right then and there he decided that his boys would be prepared to go a long, long way.

All this has come to pass, too, for reports indicate that former students of our organization are giving an excellent account of themselves on every one of the fighting fronts. If they didn't get enough ice cream to last them for a long while, it certainly isn't Charlie Webster's fault.

Staff Sgt. Frank "Buttons" Naiman is as conscientious as he is enthusiastic about his mess and much of the credit for the fine organization is justly his.

ACTIVITIES

In honor of each month's graduating class, the special service office of the school sponsors a show. Seemingly, the cast of each show tries to outdo the cast of the preceding one in presenting the boys with an entertaining evening at the assembly hall. The latest, "Restricted," presented June 6, sets a standard that will undoubtedly be difficult to surpass. Once more, the highlight of the show was Frank Wheeler and his Marimba Trio, with their interpretation of the "Poet and Peasant" overture. The audience brought them back to the stage for number after number, and the Trio concluded their part of the show by presenting an Hawaiian medley. Skits were presented as parodies on the training films that we all know so well, and music

was again provided by the Fort Sam Houston Cannoneers.

Brigadier General George C. Beach gave the graduating students a thoughtful message at the graduation ceremony, and reviewed the troops at the formal review. Major Fred T. Renick, commanding Provisional Company "A," won top honors at the review by having the best drilled company.

PERSONALITIES

Speaking of personalities, we were strolling down the corridor in headquarters early one morn—on business—when we happened to glance into the office of the Publication Section. Business ceased. There at the typewriter sat a cute blonde, our new stenographer, Miss Frances "Tallahassee" Morrison. She is welcomed by all the military and civilian personnel. Hi y'all!

"In the spring a young man's fancy . . ." It seems that one of our best dispensary workers (Ram) has been shot by one of Dan's little sharp arrows. Who said "Myrtle"?

A certain Pfc. in Building T-1125 was seen wearing a dress one Sunday not so long ago. Who was it? Above all—whose dress did he have on?

Capt. James Kelley says that his nickname "Casanova" is beginning to stick, and that "it's being carried entirely too far!"

One lad in a coma: C. W. Markum, one of our soph students, just admitted that the reason he can't remember where he put his hat is that his fiancé just arrived. Gosh, he still has that Barkeley haircut, too!

Students of the Dental Section need not be told to "see the Chaplain." Three of the students are skypilots.

Lt. and Mrs. A. J. Green are the proud parents of a brand-new son. Lt. Green's shoulders are almost touching behind him.

The entire personnel of the school regrets the recent departure of a number of our

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Outstanding Personality . . .

By S/SGT, WM. McGINNIS, Det. Med. Dept., BGH.



MASTER SERGEANT HENRY MENDEZ

M/Sgt. Henry Mendez is another one of our "oldtimers"—a member of Brooke's Medical Detachment. The organization is proud indeed to have such a man and is well aware that the service rendered by Sgt. Mendez is of vast importance in its functioning. He is constantly in contact with both officers and enlisted men. Sgt. Mendez performs his duties in a superior manner and with intelligence and initiative. He

demonstrates ability, leadership and good sound judgment of the highest caliber in the execution of his duties. An outstanding characteristic of this soldier is that in spite of his difficult and responsible job he still manages to keep a well balanced sense of humor which is most vital in this time of war. Without hesitation, we say Sgt. Mendez is both admired and loved by members of the Detachment.

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"permanent" cadremen, and the old place will not seem the same with so many of the familiar faces missing from the area. Prior to their departure these men were honored with a special dinner which was prepared by the mess staff. Colonel Fargo gave the boys an inspiring send-off and Chaplain Deale amused us with some of his ready(?) wit(?). Pvt. Leslie Todd provided a pleasant musical background with his piano accordion.

Two new arrivals in the school are Capt. Thomas D. Kroner and 1st Lt. Robert R.

Scruggs, both in the Sanitary Corps and assigned to the Laboratory Section. We are mighty glad to have them with us.

Congratulations are in order to the following members of Co. A for promotions recently ordered:

S/Sgt. Francis E. Cotter, Tec/3 Edward Ordway, Tec/4 Cecil H. Martin, Tec/4 John J. Rogers, Cpl. Ellis L. Smith, Tec/5 Oscar J. Buehler, Tec/5 R. E. Greene Jr., Tec/5 Thomas M. Kehn, Tec/5 Albert D. Sterkx, Tec/5 Moses T. Tatt, Tec/5 Earl F. Vanden Avond.



BROOKE SPORTS

Edited by Pvt. R. C. Guthrie.



After many false starts and discouraging organizational set-backs, the Brooke General Hospital seems now on its way toward a successful baseball season.

Baseball is coming back on this post after years of inactivity. Of course some mistakes have been made and efforts to coordinate the different units into a representative team have not proven successful. This is the year of invasion in Europe and the plans of battle have affected every post in the Continental United States as well as those abroad. Training has been stepped up considerably and movements are numerous.

Brooke General has felt this accelerated activity in many ways other than baseball but the fact that the personnel of the B. G. H. baseball team has had four complete changes necessitating all-around reorganization is a good example.

B. G. H. is behind baseball and General Beach will not permit the discontinuance of this sport due to discouragements. The General wants a winning team, one capable of putting on interesting spectacles for soldiers who are not able to participate and at the same time provide exercise and opportunities for those physically capable of playing.

The General's wishes are being carried out and B. G. H. has a good baseball team; one that is more than capable of holding its own against any kind of baseball competition.

The pitching staff of the B. G. H. is, without question, the best in this part of the country. Many a big league manager would sleep better nights if he knew that he had such men as Jack Kraus, huge fast-baller from the Phillies, throwing them in from the left side; Lloyd Dietz, Dodger strong boy and relief man; Fred "Whitey" Hartman, extremely promising speed-baller of the Toledo Mudhens of the American Association; Carl King, tricky, clever, and control-conscious, former Canadian Leaguer; and little Johnny Foell, fast left-hander from the Northern League, were in shape and ready for every-day duty.

Around this pitching staff a fast fielding, hard hitting team is being developed. The past week witnessed two practice games and a washout at Camp Swift. The team went into the first game as a brand-new combination. The entire team, with the exception of the pitchers, had been

changed for the third time. The 510th M.P.s as a parting gesture stung the B. G. H. with a humiliating 2-0 defeat. The boys came back behind the clever pitching of Carl King to take the Kelly Base team, 3-0. King allowed three hits.

B. G. H. has a pretty full schedule for the next little while. On Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at the local post diamond the boys will try the Base team from Kelly Field once more. These teams have put on some interesting games; B. G. H. winning the most recent contest 3-0, thereby making up for a 1-0 defeat by this outfit two weeks previously.

On Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. at the Christy Mathewson Field the B. G. H. will meet the all-colored Thunderbolts from Kelly Field. This team is undefeated in local colored competition. Whitey Hartman will see if he can't push his fast one past the hard-hitting Thunderbolts.

On Sunday, June 18th, the boys travel to Fredericksburg to take on the Fredericksburg Giants. King will work this game, having Johnny Foell on deck. Johnny will work his regular turn on Thursday against the Base team.

On Tuesday, June 20th, at 5 p.m. at Richter Field the B. G. H. will send Johnny Foell against the Kelly Industrial club, a local Spanish-American League representative.

Good baseball is promised and the team certainly could use a little vocal support—something which they have not been too accustomed to receiving in the past.

MDETS SPORTS

The MDETS really felt the loss of four of our first-string softballers when the team went into the play-off game in the Blue Section of the Fort Sam League after finishing the league in second place. Our boys lost the playoff to the 716th Railway Operations Battalion by a score of 8 to 7. Following is a report of the games played by the school team up to and including 2 June 1944:

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18 May—Trinity University..	1 13
23 May—SPRC	1 13
26 May—716th Ry Opn Bn.....	3 7
2 June—716th Ry Opn Bn....	8 7

The MDETS' team was fortunate in plac-

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B. G. H. COOPERATES WITH SAFETY PRO- GRAM OF A. S. F.

Under the supervision of Major General Richard Donovan, Commanding General, Eighth Service Command, and through the direction of Brig. Gen. Geo. C. Beach, Brooke General Hospital is cooperating in a nation-wide Army Service Forces Safety Program, which is designed to reduce the frequency of all disabling injuries to Civilian Personnel, Military Personnel and Prisoners of War.

Capt. Raymond N. Barr, Brooke's Post Safety Director, has established a program to provide proper accident controls for all personnel. He maintains a list of potential and actual safety hazards in and about the post, and makes recommendations for the elimination of unnecessary hazards.

Working with Capt. Barr, the Accident Prevention Advisory Committee consists of the following Civilian Personnel: Mrs. Olga Zander, Miss Magdalene Schnupp, Mrs. Mary Albaugh, Mr. James Glass, Mr. Emilio Montez and Mrs. Libbie L. Block.

The duties of this committee consist of (1) Reviewing all pending recommendations; (2) Substituting recommendations as conditions may warrant; (3) Reviewing all lost time accident reports with a view to making recommendations which will prevent a recurrence of a similar type of accident; (4) Making analyses of the activities of the post to determine: (a) The types of accidents that occur most frequently; (b) The most prevalent cause of accidents on the post; (c) The effectiveness of the Accident Prevention Program; (d) Methods of improving all phases of the program.

With both Military and Civilian Personnel complying with all safety measures, loss of time due to accidents will be kept at a minimum, or completely eliminated.

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ing three members of the team on the Army-Navy USO All-Star Softball Team. They were S/Sgt. Curtis Vielkel, Pfc. Hulin Carlton and T/5 Ray Finnerman.

"Our" All-Stars were playing with the above team when they defeated the Fort Sam Houston All-Stars in two games 4-2 and 5-3. S/Sgt. Curtis Vielkel turned in



a neat job on the mound for the last game, allowing only one hit.

The school team is in third place in the Army-Navy USO League.

FLIGHT SURGEON CONSULTANT

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to patients and personnel of the entire hospital. They are both tactful, courteous and ever willing to cooperate.

Major Pierce was the first physiologist in Army Aviation Medicine and teacher of the first flight surgeon. He served his country in both France and England during World War I and before returning to the Army in 1942, Major Pierce was an internist in New York City on the Staff of Bellevue, Beekman and New York Hospitals. He was Chief of Medical Service at the Station Hospital, Randolph Field for sixteen months before taking up his duties as Flight Surgeon Consultant at Brooke General Hospital. Major Pierce's home is Stafford Springs, Connecticut.

Major George W. Washburn, AAF Personnel Officer, is also Administrator, Executive Officer and Administrative Inspector for SAACC. Major Washburn was a commissioned officer in the Regular Army during World War I and came back into the service right after Pearl Harbor. Major Washburn's home is Andover, Massachusetts.

Four Civilian Employees Rewarded For Their "Ideas for Victory"



ABOVE, Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, Commanding General of Brooke General Hospital, presents checks and certificates for "Ideas for Victory" to Mrs. Hattie M. Eaves, Miss Dorothy E. Gilligan, Mrs. Anita G. Denison and Mrs. Pearl Williams, civilian employees of the hospital.

Four civilian employees of Brooke General Hospital are proud possessors of checks and certificates awarded to them for their "Ideas For Victory."

The certificates, each carrying the thanks of the Commanding General, Eighth Service Command, Maj. Gen. Richard Donovan, are also signed by him. Certificates and checks were presented to the civilian employees of Brooke by Brig. Gen. Geo. C. Beach, commanding the hospital.

Mrs. Hattie M. Eaves, on duty in Civilian Personnel, Annex III, was awarded a check for \$25 for her idea; Miss Dorothy E. Gilligan, on duty in the EENT Clinic, Annex II, received a check for \$15; Mrs. Anita Denison, on duty in Patients' Personnel, Register's Office, was awarded \$10 for her idea, and Mrs. Pearl Williams received \$10 for her suggestion.

All the ideas submitted are to be put into practice at Brooke General Hospital. Each not only represents a time saver, but a saving of expense to the Government.

CIVILIAN TRAINING AT B. G. H.

Forty-four enrolled for the class in Word Analyses of Medical Terminology. The classes are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a. m. to 8:30 a. m. (25 hours to the course).

The classes started 1 May 1944 and are to end 26 June 1944. Following the fourth lesson a spelling match was held and at the time the spelling match was over, there were three students whom the experts were unable to stump. These three star students are Aline Albert, on duty in the G. U. Section; Dean Ray, Medical Office, and Dorothy Beerstein, secretary to Captain Harding in Annex III. These three winners were awarded \$1 each in War Savings Stamps furnished by a special fund from the Mess Department.

Last Friday, 26 May, a written test was given on general vocabulary; suffixes and prefixes, covering lessons to date. There was one perfect paper turned in by Miss Lillian Metzger, secretary to Lt. Col. P. M.

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Girard, chief of the orthopedic section, and fourteen papers in which only one error each was made. Students were also requested to give definitions on this examination.

May 29, a skeleton was demonstrated, naming all the bones of the human skeleton and the location of the bones.

It is commendable to note that all the material for these very instructive courses is prepared by Mrs. Gladys Whitten, an employee of Brooke General Hospital. Mrs. Whitten teaches the courses, assisted by Mrs. Hattie Eaves.

In addition to the Word Analyses Classes, there are a number of other courses being given the Civilian Employees of Brooke General Hospital.

GENERAL BEACH ADDRESSES CIVILIAN TRAINING CLASS

The 10-hour lecture course for Ward Clerks, Stenographers and Typists was completed Wednesday, 7 June 1944 at which time Brig. Gen. Geo. C. Beach, commanding Brooke General Hospital addressed the group, as follows:

"Less than 48 hours ago our soldiers started storming the beaches of Europe along the English Channel. A cunning, crafty, and well-equipped enemy faces them. For our field forces there is no retreat. The sea is at their back and the might of the German Army is in front of them.

"For those of us in the Army Service Forces there is likewise no retreat. Our work, as that of our invading forces, is now most vital. There must be no let-down. To be specific, here at Brooke we must now strain every effort to prepare for the care of our wounded soldiers who will be coming home to us in the near future.

"From your interest in the course you have just completed, it is quite apparent that you are thoroughly aware of your responsibilities. Your work here in the past has been excellent. For many of you it has been far beyond the call of duty. You have all lived up to the past traditions of this hospital, and I feel certain that through your further efforts the Brooke General Hospital will be known throughout the land as the best General Hospital in the Army.

"Battles and campaigns are not won by guns, tanks, planes and ships alone, but by the fighting soldiers who man them. Likewise, hospitals are not made of fine buildings and modern equipment, but rather by the staff, from the top down to the lowest ungraded civilian employee on duty. Brooke

General is proud of its civilian employees and it is indeed a pleasure for me to tell you of my deep and most sincere appreciation of your most excellent support.

"The purpose of this meeting is to present you with the pledge of the SOLDIER OF SUPPLY. I will ask you to stand and repeat the pledge after me:

"I know that my country's victory depends upon the courage, the endurance and the skill of our men who fight on land, at sea and in the air. These men are my sons, my brothers, my friends, my neighbor's boys. I know that they cannot fire a shot unless they are sent arms. They cannot live unless they receive food. They cannot meet the enemy unless they are furnished trucks, tanks and planes . . . chemicals and clothing . . . equipment for swift communication, for building roads and bridging streams. They cannot survive the wounds and diseases of war unless they have medicines. To send these things to them is my job, my wartime service. For I am a SOLDIER OF SUPPLY. I am a comrade of the American fighting man. I promise never to let him down. The way I do my job may decide whether he lives or dies. I promise to be faithful, so he may be strong. I will waste no time, leave no duty undone, that he will have to pay for. I am his comrade, and I promise he shall not want!"

At the close of the address thirty copies of the pledge of the Soldier of Supply were given to the civilians finishing the course.

FROM A LETTER TO MRS. ZANDER

The following is an extract from a letter written to Mrs. Ollie Zander by her son, Lt. G. W. Zander Jr., who is now stationed in California. Lt. Zander was wounded in action while on foreign duty and knows the true value of Blood Plasma.

"Received your letter today with the Brooke Hospital publication and enjoyed it a lot. You folks are doing an awfully good job and I am proud of the work you are doing. I've seen lots of people saved with the blood that the people back home have given and are still giving. There are so many lives being saved from volunteer donors that it makes me extremely happy to know that you keep a list of the donors and contact them to go to the Blood Bank. Keep up the good work."

Mrs. Zander is in charge of the blood donors of this hospital and may be reached for appointment by calling 3050. She is anxious to have the list swelled by the addition of more names, military volunteers as well as civilian.

WAC ENLISTMENT STATION ESTABLISHED AT BGH



Shown above are six applicants taking the oath of enlistment in the Women's Army Corps, AUS, with Lt. Helen M. G. Barr, Asst. Adjutant, Brooke General Hospital, administering the oath in the office of Brig. Gen. Geo. C. Beach. From left to right are: Lt. Barr, Pvts. Dominge T. Hernandez, Ollie M. Jones, Sadie L. Langenberg, Dorothy I. Kubisek and Marie G. Villastrigo, all of San Antonio, and Stella C. Kitson of Leakey, Texas.

On 1 May 1944 thirteen Army hospitals at posts, camps and stations in the Eighth Service Command were designated as WAC Enlistment Stations. At these stations applicants are given physical examinations and processed through enlistment. From the Enlistment Station enlisted women proceed to one of three WAC Training Centers or are placed in the Enlisted Reserve Corps for not longer than thirty days.

Women! Uncle Sam Needs You For the W. A. C.

MEN—UNCLE SAM APPEALS TO YOU TO URGE WOMEN OF YOUR FAMILY TO JOIN THE WAC—In the coupon below, list the name or names, address, age, marital status and race of any woman you know who would make a good recruit for the WAC, and remember, they need not necessarily reside in San Antonio. Turn filled-in forms to The Office of The Commanding General, Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as soon as possible.

SUGGESTED NAMES FOR W.A.C.

NAME
Address
Town and State
Age	Race .. Married .. Single ..
NAME
Address
Town and State
Age	Race .. Married .. Single ..

About People We Know . . .

TWO DAYS IN LONDON

By Sgt. V. L. Schonert

I have just returned from two days in London—two days into which I crowded the centuries of England's glorious past. Even now, adjectives fail me as I grope for a definition, and I hesitate in finding a genesis to my adventure—so perhaps if I plunge headlong into a description of events as they separate themselves in my memory, I shall have chosen the better path.

London is a city full of the scars of war. As I ascended the 627 steps which lead to the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, I concluded that only a miracle had preserved this priceless treasure for posterity. And when, after the dizzy circular height was reached, I gazed upon the blocks and blocks of desolation—proud buildings leveled with only ghostly hulks forlornly rising in space; ancient churches, mere shells gutted by fire—I knew that truly a miracle had spared Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece—for perhaps the lowly and insignificant as I, to marvel and wonder. Here in St. Paul's are the crypts where sleep eternally England's great.

London is a city of monuments. Along each thoroughfare and even the insignificant alley rise statues commemorating an event or perhaps a famous man or woman. The most famous monument is Lord Nelson's which majestically dominates Trafalgar Square. Before Buckingham Palace is the impressive statue erected to beloved Queen Victoria, and a masterpiece of sculpture. There is not such a thing as a plain building in London—every one is ornate to some degree.

London is a city of historical grandeur. Along the Thames, the Houses of Parliament stand strong and enduring. What an experience to have heard the world's most famous timepiece, "Big Ben," strike the noon hour. And then the quietness of Westminster Abbey as the light streaming through the stained windows mellows the interior with a peaceful hue. Here lie the remains of English statesmen—Gladstone, Disraeli, Chamberlain—and the missionary David Livingstone. Here, also, at rest is the man known only to God, England's Unknown Soldier.

London is a city of many nationalities—a fact which became evident by the wide variety of food we ate. For instance, it was not uncommon to breakfast in a Czechoslovakian cafe, and later in the evening to dine in a fashionable French restaurant. The French atmosphere was so prominent that we found it necessary to have a trans-

lation of the menu before we could order. One cafe which we visited boasted American foods—specialty "Southern Fried Chicken." No comment.

London is a city of brave people. Although I'm almost ashamed to admit it, my first few thoughts of London were a mixture of "Is it safe?"—"Will they raid tonight?" That was before I saw the people of London—the old, whose step was slow; the young; the innocent—how could I have any fear after their ordeal? After that, I just simply forgot the matter.

Almost everyone over here, regardless of age or sex, has acquired the nicotine habit; my own explanation is that during the terrible days, people turned to smoking as a diversion from the war.

The above is an account of two days' sightseeing recently spent in London by T/4 Vernon L. Schonert, formerly of the Medical Detachment, Brooke General Hospital.

FORMER MEMBER OF DMD VISITS BROOKE

Corporal Leon F. Sell, former member of the Medical Detachment here, was a recent visitor at Brooke General Hospital. Corporal Sell had just returned from the Solomon Islands, having seen service in the Pacific theater since leaving Brooke in 1940.

Corporal Sell was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, right "on the front line" when the Japs attacked. From Pearl Harbor he went to Guadalcanal and on to New Georgia with a Field Hospital Unit.

What Corporal Sell has to say about the Solomons isn't too complimentary. Humidity is low, it rains all year, the underbrush of the jungles is thick and so are the mosquitoes. There are lizards, too—four to six feet in length that look like small crocodiles—which are apt to crawl into your foxhole at night for company. Corporal Sell says you just let them move in for you don't know for a while whether they are lizards or Japs. Also the lizards possess very long claws and the scratch of a lizard is poisonous.

In the Hawaiian Islands Corporal Sell ate fruit until he never wanted to see any fruit again. Here he enjoyed—for a time—bananas, guavas, avocados and pineapple. When he arrived in the Solomons, he was glad to get bananas.

Corporal Sell's home is Dallas, Texas. He is now with the Medical Detachment at Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif.

CONVALESCENT RETRAINING UNIT NEWS



SGT. JOEY GOTTLIEB

at his desk, Convalescent Retraining Unit, Annex IV.

SGT. GOTTLIEB COMPLETES MORE THAN 300 ARMY SHOWS IN TWO YEARS

Sgt. Joey Gottlieb, since he entered the Army on April 8th, 1942 has had a colorful and "showy" life. He was inducted at New Cumberland, Pa., and did his first show the same day he became a soldier. Fifteen days and eight shows later he was transferred to the Medical Replacement Training Center, Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

During Sgt. Gottlieb's twelve weeks of basic training, he "emceed" some thirty shows, which included the Company Shows, USO (local) shows, and for the Red Cross. He became a member of Special Services the day after he completed his "basic."

At Camp Robinson, Sgt. Gottlieb worked in the entertainment branch of BIRTC Special Service, during which period he wrote, produced and emceed such outstanding hit shows as "Rookie Follies" and "Khaki Kapers." During his 9-months stay at BIRTC Special Service, Sgt. Gottlieb emceed some seventy shows or an average of two a week. From BIRTC he was transferred to MRTC Special Service which occurred in February 1943. He "emceed" "Talent Hunt," an all-soldier show once a week on Monday and on Tuesdays "Sound Off or Suffer" a take-off on "Truth or Consequences." During the time he also managed to "emcee" shows for the Red Cross, the local USO and for other civic organizations.

The MTRC of Camp Robinson, Ark., disbanded in October 1943 and Sgt. Gottlieb

was transferred to the Prisoner of War Camp at Brady, Texas. Besides being Entertainment Director, he also took on the duties of editor of the camp paper, "The Pow-Wow," handled athletics and was in charge of the library. While stationed at Brady, he wrote and "emceed" the show, "Pow-Wow Follies," and "Pow-Wow Canteen." He left Brady the latter part of March and was sent to Dodd Field, Fort Sam Houston, later transferring to the Convalescent Unit, Brooke General Hospital as Special Service Non-Com, where at present he "emcees" "Convalescent Capers," a regular Monday night feature. On Thursdays, he "emcees" variety shows for Mrs. Earl Matheny of San Antonio.

Besides these two shows, Sgt. Gottlieb manages to slip in a show or two once in a while for the local USOs. On Monday, April 22nd, this year, he finished his three-hundredth show while a member of the Armed Forces.

Sgt. Gottlieb's biggest thrill came when he broadcast with Ted Husing on an Allied Nation's program. Most cherished among his possessions is a letter (Jack Benny won't like this!) from Fred Allen.

Sgt. Gottlieb was an entertainer in civilian life and naturally he "fits in" in the same type of work in the Army.

After the war, Sgt. Gottlieb hopes to return to Cleveland, Ohio, to finish out a contract in a night club there and to take on radio duties as an "emcee." He doesn't need to worry about new material for his shows, because his wife who is with him here in San Antonio can write "stuff" faster than Joey can rehearse it.

Sgt. Gottlieb's home town is Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"RECONDITION THEM DURING THE DAY . . . RELAX THEM DURING THE EVENING"

**Becomes New Slogan of
Convalescent Unit**

By Sgt. Joey Gottlieb

Reconditioning Convalescent soldiers so that they may be returned to duty in the best possible physical and mental condition, calls for an extensive program, and Major R. T. Wilkinson, Chief of the Convalescent Unit, says, "It shall be done!" Included in the program for reconditioning the men are Special Corrective Exercises, Calisthenics, Road Marches, Close Order Drill, Mass Athletics, and Orientation, which includes Current Event Lectures, and Educational Films, plus Newspapers, and Current

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Little Miss Barbara Lucille Elbel

CONVALESCENT UNIT PIN-UP GIRL CHOSEN!

Yes sir, you can have your Grables, Goddards and Veronica Lakes . . . we have our favorite pin-up girl. Her Official title? The girl we'd like most to be entertained by. Her name is Barbara Lucille Elbel, of San Antonio, Texas, and her age . . . now get this . . . her age is six . . . 6 . . . capital S - I - X. She has done about four shows at the Convalescent Unit, and has more encores than Heinz has pickles. The guys of the Unit swoon when she sings, just like the Bobby-Socks brigade gives out when the "Voice" (Sinatra) makes with the vocal chords. But . . . but, she dances too, and when she looks a soldier square in the eye . . . plowie! She has sent a picture of herself to the men of the Unit, and will make her next appearance in a week or two. The men can hardly wait!

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periodicals. For relaxation purposes, the men are afforded a beautiful day-room, which includes about everything possible to make a fellow comfortable, a spacious and well-equipped library, and a very modern billiard room. For further relaxation, the following programs are carried out by the Special Service Office during the evening:

Monday—"Convalescent Capers," a 90-minute Variety Show.

Tuesday—"Bingo." Sponsored and conducted by the Red Cross with plenty of free prizes to winners.

Wednesday—Wrestling matches at the

Municipal Auditorium through the courtesy and generosity of Dorothy Livengood, promoter. Or if the grunt and groan angle doesn't appeal to you, and you're looking for a quieter evening, Party Night, with plenty of refreshments with honest-to-goodness home made cookies and ice-cream, plus dancing with the local belles.

Thursday—Dance, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, arranged by Mr. Harker, of San Antonio, Texas.

Friday—Movie. Sponsored by the Red Cross.

Saturday and Sunday—Week-ends with San Antonio families.

GAG OF THE WEEK

A couple of weeks ago, Frankie Mann, San Antonio magician, made an appearance at the Convalescent Unit. One of the men sitting in the audience thought he recognized Frankie, and approached him with, "Where in 'ell have I seen you before?" Frankie sized the soldier up, and said, "I don't know . . . what part of 'ell are you from?"

CHIEF OF CANVALESCENT UNIT APPEARS ON WAC RECRUITING DRIVE PROGRAM

On Saturday, 3 June, 1944, Major R. T. Wilkinson, Chief of the Convalescent Unit, made a guest appearance on Radio Station WOAI in regards to the WAC Recruiting Drive. The Major spoke briefly about the Reconditioning Program of the Convalescent Unit.

'FUNANTICS' TO PLAY AT BROOKE

"FUNANTICS" will play Brooke General Hospital on Saturday, June 24. Eighteen enlisted men are cast in the show which runs one hour and 30 minutes. There is no outstanding star in the show. "Funantics" is star-studded. Interspersed with comedy are popular as well as classical musical selections.

PLEASE NOTE!

Patients and Medical Detachment men who are interested in the organization of a Brooke General Hospital Dance Band are urged to contact Pvt. Russ Carlisle in the Special Service Office. Come on men! Let's show Brooke we have plenty of talent!

The Cover Photo

—of the flag, taken from the arch of the facade of the main building, Brooke General Hospital, is by Private First Class Patrick Cullen. Pfc. Cullen has recently been assigned to the photographic unit, Public Relations, at Brooke.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES AT B.G.H.

By MARY VIRGINIA FRYE
Hospital Recreation Worker

We've decided to devote our space in this issue of the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast to a "Get-Acquainted-Armchair-Tour" of the various parts of the hospital. On their daily visits to the wards, the Red Cross workers meet almost every patient in Brooke General Hospital. Here are a few from various parts of the hospital with whom we should like to have you get acquainted.

From the new hospital area—we present:

SGT. SHAW—Perhaps you have seen some of the bracelets he has made. They are of lanyard material and are outstanding both for being very colorful and for unusualness of design. Wonder what the Sergeant wants with all of them when they are completed?

PVT. HIGH—A true wizard at the art of putting jigsaw puzzles together. We were told he is from Idaho; but that could hardly explain how or why it is that the confusing little pieces of a jigsaw puzzle fairly seem to join themselves together at his slightest touch.

PANCHO—For whose especial pleasure the past few weeks' profusion of gardenias might have been made to order, so much does he enjoy these luscious creamy blossoms.

BOBBY NEASE—As far as we're concerned, Bobby can challenge any and all comers to a game of chess; but we'll still place our bets on him.

In the Red Cross House itself, there are gatherings for different purposes almost every hour of the day. One group we would like to introduce to you is composed of the men who come to drink the coffee and eat the doughnuts or cookies served each morning by our Gray Ladies.

PRESENTING—OUR MORNING COFFEE CLUB (As of June 6):

John T. Burron, John N. Hollender, Junior Pack, Arthur B. Cash, Hamilton Goll, Walter C. Cook, Dwight W. Shuh, William E. Sanders, E. D. Anderson, A. Baker, C. Geroski, R. Smith, G. P. Feddenia, Charles S. Maggio, Leroy F. Babin, Vincent J. Skinner II, G. H. Hildebrand, Mario Caizzo.

Credit must be given to our very able assistant reporter, Frank Coletta, for this contribution. Had he been a society editor, he would have noted that maroon and gray was the color combination favored by the "Elite" this season.

Proceeding on our tour, we shall meet some of the men from the Annexes.

WE PRESENT:

SGT. CLAUSSON—Said to be a master hand at cribbage.

SGT. JACK SCOTT—Who has turned Texas rancher since his visit to the Golson's ranch home. Bet he'd enjoy learning the art of handling a lariat from one of those pretty young ladies who entertained us with their rope tricks.

JOHN LE JURE—Whose ready laugh has spread his fame. A smile or hearty laugh are the things that rate a person highest on the popularity list in a hospital . . . so keep on smilin', John!

CORBET LEE RASNAKE—We can't resist asking whether you, too, have noticed his suave, mild manner, so typically Boyer?

ED BRYANT—Whose sense of humor and "sophistication" take him places in our Red Cross.

MANUEL SYLVIA—We wonder why his pals prefer to call him "Willie Lump-Lump"?

Now, for a long hop over to the Old Hospital. There's always something doing there—and though the city crowd at the New Hospital call us their Country Cousins—they can't hurt our feelings a bit. You've met some of our men in previous issues of the Broadcast, so this time we'd just like to call your attention to a few.

WE PRESENT:

PVT. TOPLIFF—We're sorry he had to return to the hospital after having gone back on duty; but maybe now he'll have a chance to make another rug. We hear that he turned out some mighty fancy ones when he was here before.

BERT STEIGMAN—Who is doing a lot of stationery printing at the O. T. Shop. His work really looks professional—it has that Chicago touch.

PVT. MALAY—Who is becoming an artist of note; even had an exhibit on display at the Red Cross headquarters, La Villita.

GAILLARD—One of our celebrities. He is known professionally as "Slim" of the musical duo, "Slim and Slam." He has appeared in the movie "Hellzapoppin'" and is the composer of that popular tune of a few years ago, "Flatfoot Floogie."

S/SGT. BENEDETTI—He suffers at the hands of all the privates in the ward who razz him unmercifully, but he goes blithely on, combing his curly black locks and looking nonchalant.

There is also a new club at the Old Hospital that has come into being along with the building of our new Red Cross House.

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PLACES CONTACT MAN AT BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL

Mr. William H. Kees, Contact Representative, has been assigned to this Hospital for the purpose of explaining the rights and benefits administered by the Veterans Administration to the patients and to the men who are being discharged. His duties also include acting as co-ordinator between the Army, the Red Cross and the Veterans Administration. Mr. Kees, whose office is located in Annex III, has had some 15 years of experience in this type of work, assisting veterans of World War I and Spanish War Veterans and their dependents.

Every man being CDD'd is interviewed by Mr. Kees individually, and the veteran has explained to him the necessity of filing for pension and for vocational training, his right to hospitalization in the future, and insurance and burial benefits. The men are informed that, regardless of the Army's decision as to whether a disability is held to be in line of duty or not, the Veterans Administration is the sole agency for determining the status of the disability payments in regard to pensions, and that it is their right and duty to file claims. The men are advised to keep their insurance, as they are being discharged on physical defects and will find it hard to get insurance at the regular rate in civilian life. They are urged to convert their insurance to ordinary life, or 20 or 30-year payment life as soon as possible, to carry the amounts that they feel they are able to pay for, and to complete their policies.

The men are instructed in detail regarding hospitalization for any disability at a future date, being told exactly how to make applications for admittance to Veterans Administration Hospitals. They are also given information on securing employment through the United States Employment Office, and Civil Service preference as veterans in securing Civil Service appointments.

RED CROSS NEWS

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As this article goes to press, the membership has not been organized sufficiently for us to secure any names. We do have a source of advance inside information, however, on this—probably one of our most popular groups-to-be—for the summer. It is to be known as the Sidewalk Superintendents' Club. The official badge of membership is to be a painter's cap, the place of meeting—a bench on the ramp facing the field of operations. There are no fees, no restrictions on the members except that they must supervise with utmost care the construction of our new home at the Old Hospital; for we have great plans for future goings-on there. We'll expect a report from you Sidewalk Superintendents—you exponents of one of the greatest of all masculine America's pastime—in next month's issue.

May we complete our armchair tour with a toast to the friendships each one of us has made at the B. G. H.? We'll be seeing all of you again tomorrow on your wards, or out in the yard, or over your coffee cups.



Better get some men to hold him . . . he's going
to look like Mussolini!

It has just been brought to light that we have some real competitors in our midst. Pvt. David B. Leslie of the Student Instructors Staff in the Surgical Section of the MDETS has tied the national champion, Millard Hopper of Brooklyn, in checkers and will take on all contestants. Leslie will take on at one time as many others as wish to challenge him at the Service Club, and he will play as many games as they have checkerboards. Come one! Come all!!

MOTHERS GUESTS OF BGH AT LUNCH ON MOTHERS' DAY

Inaugurating a new idea for Mother's Day, Brooke General Hospital, through its Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Geo. C. Beach, invited mothers of military patients of Brooke to be guests for lunch on Mothers' Day. Two of the mothers who had lunch in the main mess at the hospital with their sons are shown. (Ed's note: Apologies for the lateness of this news.)



Mrs. Marietta Hall of San Antonio, whose two sons, Torpedoman First Class Lee B. Hall and Seaman First Class Jones Hall, are overseas, was the guest of Pvt. Louis Nelson, of Galveston, Texas. Pvt. Nelson's mother was unable to come for the occasion and since Mrs. Hall is much like Pvt. Nelson's mother, he brought her as his guest.



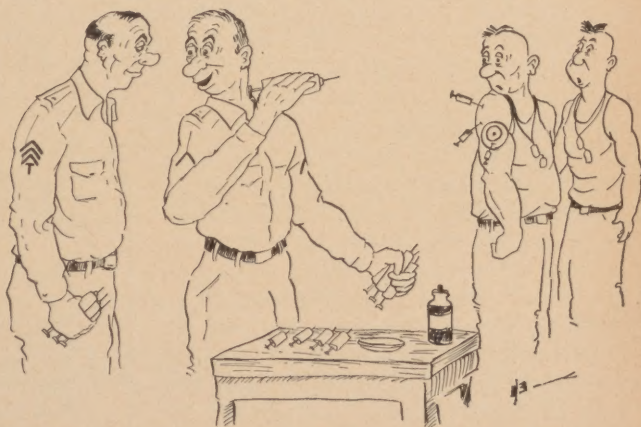
Mrs. Anna Brannigan, shown above, mother of Pfc. Robert E. Brannigan, enjoyed the special Mother's Day lunch with her son.

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Other mothers whose sons were unable to come to the mess for lunch had a tray sent to the wards in order that they might enjoy eating with their sons on the occasion.



The cartoon at right
is by
Cpl. Murray Barbash,
Convalescent Unit,
Brooke General Hospital
Fort Sam Houston,
Texas



"Boy! . . . A triple now would tie the score!"

CELEBRITIES VISIT AT BROOKE

Photos courtesy USO-Camp Shows, Inc.



MARY JANE HALSEY, starlet seen in "Show Business" and "Round the World," was a visitor at Brooke General Hospital June 12, 13 and 14. Patients report they enjoyed Miss Halsey's visit tremendously.



MARGIE STEWART, starlet seen in "Bombardier" and "Great Gildersleeve," accompanied Mary Jane to Brooke. Both girls entertained patients with vocal selections which went over in a big way, we hear!

The above stars appeared at Brooke General Hospital through arrangement with the **USO-CAMP SHOWS, Inc.**

DEDICATION CEREMONY HELD FOR NEW U. S. ARMY NEWTON D. BAKER GENERAL HOSPITAL

The dedication ceremony for the new United States Army Newton D. Baker General Hospital were held at Martinsburg, West Virginia on 9 June, 1944.

The Newton D. Baker General Hospital was named in honor of the United States Secretary of War, World War I, Newton Diehl Baker, who was born in Martinsburg, West Va. Mr. Baker was mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, during 1902 to 1912 and Secretary of War during 1917 and 1918. In 1928 he was appointed to the Court of International Justice at The Hague and in 1933 received a medal from the National Institute of Social Science "for services to humanity." Mr. Baker died in 1937.

HAVE YOU GIVEN BLOOD TO THE RED CROSS BANK?



The following names make the "Honor Roll" this time:

Charlotte Franklin, 5 times
Donald E. Coker, 4 times
Ragna F. Bryant, 4 times
Mollie Blount, 4 times
Tom Scott, 3 times
Capt. Buel K. Fox, 3 times
Mary L. Huggins, 3 times